GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Assistance for Cow Sheds
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy or law to provide financial assistance for cow sheds;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to open new cow sheds and to provide financial assistance for the purpose;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether the Government proposes to prepare a project for construction of shelters for stray cows; and
(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)
(a) to (d) No, Madam. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has been implementing "Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme" since September 2010 through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) throughout the country under which back ended capital subsidy (25% of the total sanctioned project cost for General Category and 33.33% for Schedule Tribe and Schedule Caste beneficiaries) is provided through eligible financial institutions, subject to the norms of the scheme. Under the scheme assistance is provided for establishment of small dairy units of 2 to 10 animals among other components. The unit cost for component of establishment of small dairy units includes purchase of cattle, cow shed, insurance etc. for proper care of cattle inducted under the component. Department has also initiated scheme namely " Rashtriya Gokul Mission" for development and conservation of indigenous bovines under "National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development". Establishment of cattle sheds is integral part of Gokul Gram as one of the component of Rashtriya Gokul Mission.
(e) & (f) No, Madam. However, the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change is implementing a Central Sector Scheme namely Provision of Shelter Houses for looking after the animals including cows.